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UM WRITING PROFESSOR READS HIS FICTION FRIDAY, OCT. 25

MISSOULA—

Kevin Canty, internationally acclaimed fiction writer and the newest addition to The University of Montana's creative writing faculty, will read from his fiction Friday, Oct. 25, at Freddy's Feed and Read.

The program will begin at 7 p.m.

A new face in the writing world, Canty has published only two books, both of which have received high praise. His novel, "Into the Great Wide Open," arrived in bookstores this month, and The New York Times Book Review called it an "impressive and moving book (that) precisely captures the precarious nature of life on the brink of adulthood."

Canty's first book, a collection of short stories published in 1994 titled "A Stranger in This World," has been published in Dutch and is on its way into German, French and Spanish translations.

A 1988 graduate of UM's creative writing program, Canty returned to his alma mater this fall as a member of the English department faculty. He teaches undergraduate and graduate creative writing courses.

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